The Gatekeeper

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Barony of Unser Hafen

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Holiday Greetings and Good Cheer to Our Beloved Barony!

We hope that your holidays have been warm and safe and filled with good memories for everyone.

We recently attended Caer Galen Midwinter and would like to congratulate the following gentles who were recognized by the Crown:

Alain de Chateau - Golden Pheon
Cairech Liath ingen Ailpin - Queen's Cypher
Elyenore of Unser Hafen - Award of Arms
Gregor of Bears Gate - Stag's Blood
Hilarion Angelos Akropolites - Stag's Heart
Regalis dei Falchi - Cordon Royal AND Flower
Tullus Arelius Marinus - Award of Arms
Vithbjorn Orolokarr - Award of Arms

Huzzah to these most deserving gentles!

In the coming month, We are planning to attend Caerthe 12th Night (Kitta only) , VVV, and Coronation to round out Our holiday celebrations. We hope to see you all at these fantastic events! Please keep yourselves safe as you travel in the upcoming snowy months and We look forward to seeing you!

With love,

Kitta and Safiyya

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

This holiday season hasn't given us much in the way of snow, but it has given us much more. I want to congratulate many members of our Barony who received awards from Their Majesties at Caer Galen Midwinter:

Regalis, Flower of the Outlands
Marinus, Award of Arms
Gregor, Stag's Blood
Hilarion, Stag's Heart
Vithbjorn, Award of Arms
Elynor, Award of Arms
Cairech, Queen's Cypher
Alain du Chateau, Golden Pheon

2026 will start off with Caerthe's One Thousand Nights @ 12th Night, then Viking Vinter Vunderland in Aarquelle, the Virtual Knowne World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium, and, of course, the Coronation of Hrothgar and Ingridr. There will also be a multitude of war practices to get ready for next year. For more information on these events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars.

May you all have a wonderful holiday and I'll be seeing you in 2026.

Until we meet again, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Herald's Call

Hello, good folk of Unser Hafen!

I hope you all had a lovely winter holiday season. The past month sure was a busy one! The fun now continues into January and well into the new year.

KWHSS hosts one in-person and one virtual event per year, and our lovely Meister Andreas has been working very hard as the event steward to get this year's virtual session up and running.

Not only is this event free to attend, there will be a fantastic variety of classes over Zoom and Discord on various heraldic and scribal topics, so if that sounds interesting to you, check out the website below! Although the event is free, registration is requested so that they don't exceed their Zoom licensing.

(https://sites.google.com/view/vkwhss2026/)

Additionally, I'd love to extend a warm welcome to any Plattefordham folks who may now be reading this newsletter. If you ever have any heraldic questions or needs, please feel free to reach out! I'll be attempting to get out to most major events this January, so if you have need of me in-person, look for my gaudy green garb! Otherwise, please reach out via email, Messenger, or Discord. Thank you!

Yours in service,

Hilarion Barbican

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Scribal Notes

January's **Scribal Night** will be on the third Monday, **January 19th**!

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 630 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

Classes by Mistress Anne Elizabeth Morley will resume in February! But if you are hankering for more Scribal Goodness in the meantime, don't forget to register and attend the (Virtual) **Known World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium**, January 23-25th, hosted by the Outlands! https://sites.google.com/view/vkwhss2026/

Also, if you have not submitted your entry for Kingdom Scribe Phaidra's Roster of

link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSCYsLDXeERtXo_MHOkIE2745aqdbCjanc67l_1iwwaKa1rXsg/viewform

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi, Baronial Scribe

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Fighter Practice

And A&S Gathering
Has moved to its winter location!
Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
CSU Glenn Morris Fieldhouse
901 S College Ave, Fort Collins

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Medieval Night

Peculier Ales

January 9th, 2026
6-9 pm at Peculier Ales
301 Main Street
Windsor, CO 80550

Free Admission

Join us h for dancing, garb making,
arts and crafts,and general merriment.

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White Rose Inn

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The White Rose Inn is open again!

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. We are expanding our focus. This year we will be exploring medieval crafts and games as well as food. Come and hang out and share your scintillating conversation.

No SCA garb is required, and you are welcome to bring along food if you didn't have time for dinner or if you want to share your latest medieval exploration.

Wednesday January 14, 2026
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Richenda and Jarl Freana
1232 Lawrence Dr in Fort Collins (map)
Phone (913) 219-3808
Subject: Make and Take Medieval Spice Blends/ Holiday potluck

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Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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Baronial Goings On

Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing! Updates can be found on the Book of

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318

Archery Practice
Archery practice is every Saturday unless cancelled due to conflicts (such as local events). Practice will be at our winter location starting November 1st.
Rocky Mountain Archery
4518 Innovation Dr, Fort Collins, CO 8052

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Barbican Office Hours
On hiatus.
Time and place to be determined.

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Craft Day at Regalis'
Winter Hiatus for December and January
Returns February 7th
10 am to 6 pm.
5318 Ravenswood Lane
Johnstown, CO

Dance Practice
Monday, January 26·6:30 – 8:30pm
UNC Campus
1710 9th Ave, Greeley
Gunter Hall Gym

Map

links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

Going on in Sterling

Medieval Night
First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

Archery Practice
First Sunday of the month, noon to 4 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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Disclaimer

safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Upcoming Events

One Thousand Nights & 12th Night

January 3rd @ 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
January 4th War Practice

Both days at
9755 Henderson Road
Brighton, CO 80601
Event Website

Viking Vinter Vunderland & Var Practice

January 10th @ 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Pueblo Mountain Park
9112 Pueblo Mountain Park Road
Beulah Colorado 81023
Event Website

Winter Coronation

Day One
January 17th @9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Church of the Lookout
7845 Lookout Road
Gunbarrel, CO

Day Two
January 18th @ 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Roosevelt Memorial Center
700 Longs Peak Avenue
Longmont, CO
Event Website

Virtual Knowne World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium

January 23 @12:00 pm -
January 25 @ 12:00 pm
Event is free, but preregistration is required so that we don't exceed our Zoom licensing.
Event Website

War of the Phoenix

February 10th @ 8:00 am -
February 16th @5:00 pm

&602 Jimmie Johnson Drive
Phoenix International Raceway
Campground
Avondale, AZ 85323

Preregister by January 15th for a significant discount.
Event Website

Dragonspine Candlemas

February 29th 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

5905 Flintridge Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 8091
Preregistration for the feast required: there will be no seats available at the door.
Event Website

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Populace Meeting

Virtual Populace Meeting

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm except for
Quarterly Gatherings/ Populace Meetings
Held in person at location to be announced.
Come and enjoy food and fellowship, along with a little business.

January Virtual Populace Meeting
January 21
Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

For questions, contact seneschal@unserhafen.org

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Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

baroness@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
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baroness@unserhafen.org

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Defender - Lady Sophia Rares
Protector - THL AgmundrThorolfsson
Warden - Lord Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae
Arts & Sciences Champion - Lord Gilbertus
Pencerdd Bard - Lady Aelia Dryantilla
Heads of Household - THL Cecilia Caterina de Firenze and Lord Eilifr Breiðskeggr

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Call for Letters of Intent

Chronicler

Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Chronicler, who creates and distributes this newsletter, using a free MailChimp account. Maintains a list of subscribers in MailChimp. Also responsible for any graphics needed using Inkscape (free).

Social Media

Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Social Media, who keeps social media accounts, such as Facebook, up to date with the latests news.

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baronesses Kitta and Safiyya, via baroness@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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Baronial Officers

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Lady Cecelia O'Connor
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Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers
Lord Gilbertus de Messina

Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue
chronicler@unserhafen.org

Web Administrators
Maintains the website
Ladies Laurel M. & Valerie F.
webministerl@unserhafen.org

Social Media Officer
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Lewena de Galwedia
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

Quartermaster:
Maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.
Lady Laurel M.
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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Awards and Recognitions

Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards is available here.

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Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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